

Historical Society Presents Lifetime Achievement Award to Robert Brevelle

Robert Brevelle honored for his contributions to preserving and promoting Louisiana history, genealogy, and culture.



Baton Rouge, Louisiana Mar 15, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Robert Brevelle is the 2026 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society.

In presenting the award, the 2025 recipient and member of the board of directors, Emily Dowden-Wilcox stated, "It is with great pleasure we bestow this honor onto Robert in recognition of his lifelong contributions to Louisiana history, genealogy, and culture. Robert has spent decades researching, promoting, and teaching our unique history. Many refer to him as "Mr. Louisiana" not only for his knowledge of Louisiana history, but also for his passion in sharing it as a speaker and author."

"Few things in life have captivated me as profoundly as our state's history, and at it's heart are the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of its people," said Robert. "This little place on the map we call home tells the epic stories of our resilient ancestors who experienced the tragedy and salvation of religion, the rise and fall of the old empires, and the forging of our state and country. A country which continues to be an unprecedented, brilliant beacon of hope and freedom for the entire world. I am honored and humbled to receive this recognition from so many people I deeply admire. May God bless and keep you in the great state of Louisiana."

Robert continues to make his own mark on Louisiana history. He is a recipient of the Evangeline Lifetime Achievement Award, the [NRA's Endowment and Ring of Freedom Award](#), and a fellow of the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society. Last year, he was inducted into the [Order of Cavalier Sieur de La Salle](#), the Louisiana society's highest honor. He serves on the Tribal Council of the Adai Caddo Indian Nation in Natchitoches and on the boards of multiple organizations throughout the state. For the past decade, he has been named to "Top 10" investor lists in the U.S. and Europe, and showcased in publications of [The Top 100 Innovators and Entrepreneurs Magazine](#). The [Dallas Business Journal](#) featured Robert on its cover for transforming the oldest startup incubator in the South into a world class venture capital firm achieving a top 10 national ranking. He led the firm to become the number 1 ranked Business-to-Business accelerator in the world and developed the Department of Homeland Security's accelerator program for first responder technology. His list of accolades includes awards for innovation and engineering from NASA and the Department of Defense.

This award includes a \$1,000 Visa gift card. When asked how he will spend the award, Robert's response exemplifies his down-to-earth attitude and focus on Louisiana culture and family.

"I'm going to Cajun Disneyland," said Robert. "That's the Cochon de Lait Festival in Mansura. We'll pass a good time watching my son try to catch the greased pig like I did as a child. Then he can watch me in the boudin eating contest. But first, I hope to win the 5k race that morning with my boy in tow. The rest will be donated to the local fire department which hosts the festival and their charities."

Robert cherishes his ties to Louisiana festivals and sports. He lights up with excitement as he talks about the Leesville Mayfest, Beau Bridge Crawfish Festival, Adai Caddo and Tunica Biloxi Powwows, Leesville Homecoming and Reunion, and for over 40 years, the Mansura Cochon de Lait. In his youth, he won the Mansura 5k race. At the ripe old age of 48, placed 3rd. He has always been a runner. While at Leesville High School, he was co-captain of the varsity Track and Cross Country teams. The team won the Cross Country District Championships, and Robert competed at the state championships. Robert won the gold medal in Tae Kwon Do at the Louisiana Junior Olympics, and he captured bronze for the Pelican State at the Karate Nationals. At the World Karate Champions, he placed 4th. Upon returning home, Robert won the McNeese State Engineering Competition as part of National Engineering Week. He beat thousands of students from across the country to win scholarships from Walmart, Nike, American Legion, and Coca Cola. He received a Cross Country scholarship to his alma mater, as well as, 4-year ROTC scholarships from all branches of the Armed Forces.

After graduating from Leesville High School with honors, he attended the Illinois Institute of Technology on full scholarship graduating summa cum laude in a simultaneous engineering program with a bachelors and master's degree. While working full-time in various Fortune 500 companies, Robert graduated with additional degrees and professional certifications from the University of Texas at Dallas, Southeastern, Southern Methodist University, and Cornell all while on full scholarship.

Robert is a life member of the National Guard Association in New Orleans, the Leonidas Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army at Fort Polk, the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Leesville, the National Rifle Association, Leesville High School Century Club, Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution in Natchitoches, the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society, and Mensa.

"My love of history and genealogy was born from the teachings of my father, who was a part-time librarian and amateur archaeologist," said Robert. "We spent countless weekends at museums and battlefields. We would hike and canoe to historic sites. Impassioned history teachers and the Vernon Parish Library further nourished my interests and studies. But what I enjoyed more than anything was

listening to the stories of my aunts, uncles, and the weathered tribal elders as they regaled me with a time and way of life whose remnants were vanishing right before my eyes. Nothing has sparked my imagination or my passion to defend it more.”

You can still find Robert fighting for Louisiana. He regularly works with the government and historical societies to preserve the local French, Spanish, Creole, and Indigenous history. Earlier this year, he made headlines for a [decisive victory in a 5 year legal battle](#) to stop an illicit Home Owner’s Association (HOA) from destroying Indigenous sites and stealing land from disabled veterans and Native Americans.

Robert can trace his ancestry to the founding families of Louisiana. He is a lineal descendant of 1720s French explorer Jean Baptiste Brevel and his Native American wife, Anne des Cadeaux. Isle Brevelle, the birthplace of Creole Culture, is named for their son, Jean Baptiste Brevel II.

Founded in 1981, the Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society was established to research, preserve and share genealogical and historical information of the people and communities of the greater Baton Rouge area. The society is a registered Louisiana non-profit and hosts seminars, classes, and events throughout the year for members and guests.



Media Contact

Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society

*****@laghs.com

Source : Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society

[See on IssueWire](#)